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RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF PETERBOROUGH.

ABBREVIATED ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1943.

H.E. 13 JUL 1944

Public Health Officers of the Authority:-

Medical Officer of Health - W. Anley Hawes.M.B.,D.P.H.,Lond.
Part Time.

Sanitary Inspector. - Mr. C. Green, M.S.I.A.,A.R.,San.I.
Whole Time Officer, who, in addition, holds the appointment of Surveyor, Meat Inspector, and Water Works Manager.

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,

I herewith beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1943.

SECTION A. STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (in acres).	28,186 acres.
Population	6,763
Number of Inhabited Houses, end of 1942 according to Rate Books.	1,907
Rateable Value	£18,915
Sum represented by Penny Rate.	£75.17.11.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

			M.	F.
Live Births	Total	120.	64	56.
	Legitimate		58	48
	Illegitimate		6	8

Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population:- 17.7
Corresponding figure for England & Wales:- 16.5

			M.	F.
Still Births	Total	1	1	-
	Legitimate		-	-
	Illegitimate			

Deaths	Total	77	45	32

Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population:- 11.5
Corresponding figures for England & Wales..... 12.1

Deaths from Puerperal causes..... Nil

Deaths of Infants under one year of age:-

			M.	F.
	Total	8	2	2
	Legitimate		1	3
	Illegitimate			

Deaths of all Infants per 1,000 live births 66.6
Corresponding figures for England & Wales 49.0

Deaths of Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births 37.6
Deaths of Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 Illegitimate live births 285.0
Deaths from Measles..... Nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)..... Nil
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2)..... Nil

SECTION B. - GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES OF THE AREA.

1. (a) Laboratory Facilities.

By contract with Emergency Public Health Laboratory Peterborough Memorial Hospital, £10 per annum.

(b) Ambulance Facilities. Adequate.

Non-Infectious remain the same.
Infectious - City of Peterborough Isolation Hospital, Ambulance.

(c) Nursing in the Home

No provision is made by the Council for either General Nursing or Nursing of Infectious Diseases.

General Nursing. - by the Castor & District Nursing Association maintained by Voluntary effort and an annual grant of £20 from the Soke of Peterborough County Council.

The villages of Glinton, Newborough, Eye, Maxey, Etton, Borough Fen, Thornhaugh and Wansford are still without the services of a District Nurse.

(d) Treatment Centres and Clinics.

No centres or Clinics in the District.

(e) Hospitals.

Non-Infectious cases are admitted to the Peterborough Memorial Hospital.
Infectious Cases (Typhoid, Para-Typhoid, Diphtheria and Scarlet Fever) are admitted to the Peterborough City Isolation Hospital. Accomodation has proved adequate.

SECTION C. - SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. (i) WATER. A conducted supply from the Peterborough City Corporation is available to every village. The constant supply from the Peterborough Corporation mains has been adequate in quality. During the latter part of the year the quantity however gave cause for concern; steps were taken to restrict consumption. The number of new supplies taken during the year on assessment 14, by meter 19. At least 90% of houses are connected to or within reasonable distance of water mains.

(ii) DRAINAGE & SEWAGE.

Eye. - Sewage disposal plant satisfactory. Some houses with inadequate garden space for disposal of night soil, are still unconnected with main sewerage system.

Helpston, Etton, Glinton, Castor, Peakirk, Northborough, Maxey, Ailsworth } Have a night soil collection.

A sewerage system for the bigger villages is necessary.

SECTION E. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(a). Milk and Dairies Orders.

Licences cancelled during the year:-
Producer (Wholesaler).....nil.
(Retailer) ..... 1.
Particulars of Registers at end of year:-

Purveyors	(Retail)	with	premises	in the	district..	nil.
"	"	"	"	outside	"	2
Producers	"	"	"	in the	"	23
"	(Wholesale)	"	"	" "	"	22
"	(Butter)	"	"	" "	"	19
						66

(b) Meat and other Foods.

No slaughter houses at present in use.

SECTION F. PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis)

	Total Cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Deaths
Small-pox	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	13	9	0
Diphtheria	1	1	0
Enteric Fever (including Para-Typhoid)	0	0	0
Cerebro Spinal Meningitis	0	0	0
Pneumonia	0	0	0
Erysipelas	0	0	0
Measles	11	0	0
Whooping Cough	0	0	0
Puerperal Fever	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	0	0	0

HOSPITAL ACCOMODATION.

Cases are admitted to Peterborough Isolation Hospital at a weekly charge of £3.3.0. per patient; no particular number of beds being guaranteed. During the year, all requests for admission have been granted.

Scarlet Fever cases notified per 1,000 population in the District ...	1.9
Scarlet Fever cases notified England & Wales.....	3.01
Diphtheria cases notified per 1,000 population in the district....	0.1
Diphtheria cases notified England and Wales.....	0.88
Measles cases notified per 1,000 population in the district	1.6
Measles cases notified England and Wales.....	9.88

MINOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Treatment for minor infectious diseases occurring amongst evacuees is provided at the White House, St. Martin's, Stamford. (20 beds)

Ambulance facilities are provided by Civil Defence Kesteven vehicles, by arrangement with the Controller A.R.P.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNIZATION

Free Immunization is provided by the County Council for all children of school and pre-school age.

Percentage Immunization of the whole child population performed by the County Medical Officer of Health.

	Dec/40.	Sept./41.	June/42	Dec/42.	June/43	Dec/43.
Under 5 yrs.	8.7%	6.7%	23.8%	48.5%	54%	62%
5-15 yrs.	2.5%	46.8%	59%	78.3%	81%	84.6%

In addition immunization is provided by the District Council under the General Practitioners Scheme for children between 1 and 5 years, at the cost of 2/6 per inoculation with a maximum of 5/- per child. No returns from this service have been received and no fees claimed, during the year.

SCABIES

Few cases of Scabies have been reported. No cases have been referred to the City of Peterborou gh Scabies Treatment Clinic, where treatment is given to adults and children under school age at the cost of £1.1.0. per patient.

Givil Defence Ambulance transport to the Clinic is provided when essential.

CANCER.

The Death Returns show that 11 Males and 2 Females died of Cancer during the year.

TUBERCULOSIS

The following table shows the age, sex, and type of diseases among new cases notified, together with the details of death from this cause:-

	New Cases				Deaths			
	Resp.		Non-Resp.		Resp.		Non-Resp.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1 - 5 yrs.	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
5 - 10 "	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
10 - 15 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 25 "	2	1	-	-	1	1	-	-
25 - 35 "	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
35 - 45 "	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 55 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 65 "	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

W. ANLEY HAWES.

Medical Officer of Health.